On the other hand Mr. Krishnasastri argued in favour of the Seringapatam-Konehalli line. This chord line was not a new idea. It was considered at the time of the great famine of 1877. So far as Krishnarajpete and Channarayapatna were concerned either of the proposed projects made no difference as both the taluks would be served in either case. As regards Yedatore, it was not of much agricultural or commercial importance. Paddy was the only produce and it was exported only two months in the year, while Krishnarajpete, Channarayapatna and Tiptur produced gingelly, sugar-cane, paddy, cocoanuts, etc., which were exported throughout the year. The population of Krishnarajpete was also larger than Yedatore and the number of Jatras, cattle shows, etc., was greater in Krishnarajpete and Channarayapatna than in Yedatore.

Mr. C. Narasimiah said that Mysore must be the centre from which these lines must commence. There is no use in branching the line off from Seringapatam.

Mr. H. C. Subba Rao.—The chord line from Seringapatam to Konehalli was never thought of by any one till the Government themselves suggested it. It is necessary to connect Hunsur by Railway first, before any other place. Gingelly, tobacco, etc., are largely produced in Bettadapur and other places and a large export trade is assured.

Reply of Government.—The member (Mr. Venkatesiah) may submit a memorandum containing all the points urged by him in support of his representation. It will be duly considered.

SUBJECT No. 314.

Extension of the Mysore-Hassan railway line *via* Chikmagalur.

(a) Mr. B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur *taluk*.
(b) Mr. T. Narasinga Rao, North *Mysore Native Planters' Association*.

Summary of discussion.—(a) It is prayed that the Mysore-Hassan railway line may be extended to Birur *vid* Chikmagalur so as to join Mysore-Harihar and Birur-Shimoga lines at one junction.

(b) As Chikmagalur is a great market for coffee, soapnut, etc., and as it is also a distributing centre for the malnad, it is requested that the town be connected by railway.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 315.

The Chikkajajur-Chitaldrug railway line.

Mr. Sanjeeva Rao, Chitaldrug *taluk*.

Summary of discussion.—The survey of the Chikkajajur-Chitaldrug railway line has been finished. The construction of the line may be commenced at an early date, so that the cost of export of cotton and grains may be lessened.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.